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Matrimonial Advice.

The young woman said her lover was coming on the train, and she was going to be married.

Whereupon the old lady said she had much experience in the 'marrying business,' and would give the young lady some advice, and here is what she said:

'Well, child, never marry a rail-roader, for he is liable to get killed at any time.

Never marry a military man, for he is liable to go to war and get shot. Besides, his gorgeous clothes attract the attention of the women.

Never marry a hotel-keeper. My first husband was a hotel-keeper, and fell through the elevator-opening and broke his skull.

Never marry a travelling man, for he is always away from home.

Never marry a steamboater. My second husband was a steamboat captain, and got blowed into 4,000,000 pieces. I always get terribly mad when I think of that man.

Never marry a grocer. My third husband was a grocer, and he was killed by a molasses barrel fallin' on him. When I think of him I'm completely disgusted.

Never marry a carpenter. My fourth husband was a carpenter, and fell off a scaffold and was smashed to a jelly. May his soul sleep in peace!

Never marry a machinist. My fifth husband was a machinist. I'll never forget the day he was brought home on a board. I didn't recognize him. A belt had come off a pulley and hit him plum in the face, and spread his nose all over his countenance. I premised him on his dyin' bed that I'd never marry another machinist.'

Just then the train rolled in, and the old lady asked:

'Child, what business is your lover in?'

'Insurance business.'

'Oh, mercy! You don't mean to marry him? My sixth husband was an insurance ——' But the young lady was gone to meet her lover.

THE FIRM MOTHER.—'Come here to me,' said a firm mother to her son. 'Didn't I tell you that I'd whip you if you went down town?'

'Yessum,' standing on one foot. 'What made you go? Say!'

'Cause,' standing on the other foot.

'Didn't you know I'd whip you?'

'Yessum,' showing by his manner that he didn't.

'I'm a great mind to wear you out. If you go outside the yard again to-day I'll whip you.'

About ten minutes afterward she sees the boy playing in the street, and calls him. He comes reluctantly.

'Didn't I tell you I'd whip you if you went outside the yard?'

'Yessum.'

'Why did you do it?'

'Cause.'

'You good for nothing little rascal, I'm a great mind to wear you out. If you go outside this yard again to-day I'll whip you, if it's the last act of my life. Do you hear me?'

WHAT HE WOULD SAY.—A husband and wife were talking grammar. 'Would you,' said she, 'say scissors are, or scissors is?'

'I'd say scissors are, of course,' he replied.

'Would you say molasses is, or molasses are?'

'Molasses is, of course.'

'Well, then, would you say the family is well?'

'No.'

'What; you wouldn't say the family are well, when family is a singular noun, would you?'

'No.'

'What would you say then, I'd like to know?'

'Why, love, I'd say the family was not well; that you had the grunts, that Tommy had a sore finger, that the baby had the colic, that Katie had the headache and that I was trying to make an average by being well enough for four.'

She went out of the room and didn't speak to him for two days. —Merchant-Traveler,

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